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AV kept going to the Embassy, however, almost until it was closed down. He says that on the 20th or 21st of December [1960], the last time he was in the Embassy talking to ~~Rex~~ Kail, he (Kail) told him he was ~~xi~~ going to the United States and he would come back and talk to him later. Kail said he was going to Texas for Christmas. That's why he always thought Bishop ~~xxxxx~~ had told him to go to Kail because he thought ~~he~~ perhaps they were friends from Texas.

(Do you think Bishop and Smith were friends also?) He doesn't know. Smith was a young person, always well dressed. He's pretty sure he was CIA.

(Smith wasn't ~~xxxx~~ the Ambassador?) Oh no, he was the political advisor. Not Earl Smith, Ewing Smith.

He says he doesn't want anything to come out in the paper, because he's afraid it would cause a lot of trouble ~~xför~~ his family.
He said even the NY Times has been trying to interview him but he would never never do that. Volsky, the correspondent for the Times here has been wanting him to come to New York and talk.

Note: [Volsky works out of an ~~x~~ office of Replica, just around the corner from Veciana's house. The magazine is owned by Max Lesnick, Lesnick was a leader of the Second National Front of Escambray and the key link with CIA agent ~~Jack Stewart~~ officially a political attache in the Embassy, ~~xxxx~~ before Castro took over. Also in the Replica office now is Reynaldo Pico, good friend of Artime's and one of the original Watergate group.] 1(A)
Lesnick at Replica has urged him to talk to Volsky.

(Is Volsky working for CIA?) Volsky has always denied it. But he was in Cuba and he was with the Voice of America. Volsky also now receives money from Replica and AV says he doesn't understand that, ~~xxx~~ what does he do for Replica? All he remembers Volsky ever writing for Replica was an interview with the president of Portugal.

(Do you have any suspicions that Lesnick is being supported by the CIA?) No, he doesn't believe so. Lesnick is a hard worker and good administrator.

(Have you ever made any major arms deals?) No. Maybe only 20 to 50 rifles, 40 or 50 pounds of dynamite, \$40-50,000 at the most.

(Ever deal with Mitchel R WerBell?) No. But he said that you're going to ask him about Masferrer now. (Why?) Because there was a lot of business between Masferrer and WerBell. They say that Masferrer was ~~x~~ killed as a result of his dealing with WerBell. He (AV) personally thought Masferrer wasn't worth anything.